

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 319

To prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutionally-protected prayer in schools.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1 (legislative day, JANUARY 30), 1995

Mr. HELMS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voluntary School Pray-
5 er Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING CONTINGENT ON RESPECT FOR CON-**
2 **STITUTIONALLY-PROTECTED SCHOOL PRAY-**
3 **ER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, no funds made available through the Depart-
6 ment of Education shall be provided to any State or local
7 educational agency that has a policy of denying, or that
8 effectively prevents participation in, constitutionally-pro-
9 tected prayer in public schools by individuals on a vol-
10 untary basis.

11 (b) LIMITATION.—No person shall be required to par-
12 ticipate in prayer or influence the form or content of any
13 constitutionally-protected prayer in public schools.

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